

## ABSTRACT

Accordingly the present invention provides an improved and economical process for the isolation of oleanolic acid from the roots of *Lantana camara*, which  
5 comprises of drying, grinding and defattening of *Lantana camara* roots with light petroleum followed by over night extractions at room temperature (30-40°C) three times with a single solvent selected from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, EtOAc, ether, acetone, MeOH, EtOH etc., removal of solvent under vacuum at 35-45°C, precipitation of  
10 crude extract and repeated partial crystallization of precipitate with a single solvent selected from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, EtOAc, ether, acetone, MeOH, EtOH, H<sub>2</sub>O and others resulting in the isolation of oleanolic acid with 1% yield.